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Dear Ms. Hesse:


The antitrust case against Microsoft brought the booming success of the high-tech industry to a screeching halt.

Microsoft has been a leader in the surge in both the high-tech sector and our overall economy. The case caused numerous slides on Wall Street costing investors everywhere. Future success for not only tech companies, but businesses of all types, seems in jeopardy of government intervention.

The marketplace is constantly changing and guarantees success to no one, but opportunity for success to all. Government involvement in business obstructs the workings of America's free-market system. Customers determine what they want, what they like and buy it. There's no sure thing. The federal government should not be placed in a position of authority over the market -- choosing champions and runners up. There is a place for a limited government -- to protect.

Those who argue this is in fact the role the state and national Justice Departments undertook in this case, should be asking themselves--Why does this settlement come three years too late? Three years after it began we have a wounded economy, a limping technology industry, puzzled consumers and furious taxpayers. Please accept the settlement before you.

Sincerely,


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